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2nd Sunday of Lent

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FOR THE CELEBRATION
OF EASTER.



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CHURCH IT VARIED IN DURATION.
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4TH C. WHEN ITS DURATION WAS
FIXED AT ITS CURRENT LENGTH.



LENT

ALL
ABOUT
LOVE



ITS COLOR IS
PURPLE, WHICH
IS A SYMBOL
OF REPENTANCE



-STARTS: ASH WEDNESDAY
-ENDS: HOLY THURSDAY



PRAYER
LOVE FOR GOD
FASTING
LOVE FOR SELF
ALMSGIVING
LOVE OF OTHER

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[] We've Moved, here is our new information

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 4

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Parish Family

Sunday, March 5

Second Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Al & Mary Porrata Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. David Black +

Monday, March 6

No Public Mass

Tuesday, March 7

7:00-8:00 a.m. *Adoration*
8:00 a.m. Marj Sanders +
8:30 a.m. *Confession*

Wednesday, March 8

6:00-7:00 p.m. *Adoration*
6:00-6:45 p.m. *Confession*
7:00 p.m. Teresa Hosler +

Thursday, March 9

8:00 a.m. Frances Braun +

Friday, March 10

8:30 a.m. Gertie Wyss +

Saturday, March 11

8:00 a.m. Special Intention
4:00-4:45 p.m. *Confession*
4:35 p.m. *Rosary*
5:00 p.m. Julia Mangel +

Sunday, March 12

Third Sunday of Lent

7:10 a.m. *Rosary*
7:30 a.m. Parish Family
9:40 a.m. *Rosary*
10:00 a.m. Rose Marie & Robert Bates +



MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 6 - Lenten Weekday - Dn

9:4b-10/ Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday, March 7 - Lenten Weekday - Sts.

Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs - Is 1:10,16-

20/ Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday, March 8 - Lenten Weekday - St.

John of God, Religious - Jer 18:18-20/ Mt

20:17-28

Thursday, March 9 - Lenten Weekday - St.

Frances of Rome, Religious - Jer 17:5-10/ Lk

16:19-31

Friday, March 10 - Lenten Weekday - Gn

37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a/ Mt 21:33-43,45-46

Saturday, March 11 - Lenten Weekday - Mi

7:14-15,18-20/ Lk 15:1-3,11-32

Sunday, March 12 - Third Sunday of Lent -

Ex 17:3-7/ Rom 5:1-2,5-8/ Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-

15,19b-26,39a,40-42

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - MARCH 5, 2023

This weekend (March 4th/5th), the Church celebrates the **Second Sunday of Lent**, or *Transfiguration Sunday*. Over the three year lectionary cycle for Sunday liturgies, we hear from all three accounts of the Transfiguration in the Synoptic Gospels (*Matthew, Mark, and Luke*) on the Second Sunday of Lent. Similar to the grace He bestows on the three, the account of the Transfiguration is meant to prepare us for all that lies ahead as we begin our Lenten journey.

Moving south from Galilee to Judea for the coming Feast of Passover in Jerusalem, Jesus ascends Mount Tabor in the Jezreel Valley, found in the lower region of Galilee. Before ascending to the top, He first brings three along who are especially dear to Him: Peter (*whom He has made the Rock*), James (*the first Apostolic martyr*), and John (*the beloved disciple*). He has resolved to take them aside and show them a glimpse of that glory which, until that day fixed for its manifestation, He conceals from the eyes of man.

The Transfiguration lasted only a few moments for Jesus' mission was not on Mount Tabor, but on Mount Calvary in Jerusalem. Though the Lord bestows a great grace upon Peter, James, and John, we know the great trial they themselves will still face when Jesus' hour of trial comes. In just a short time, we find these same three fast asleep on the Mount of Olives even as our Lord's hour is close at hand. When He is seized, all, including the three, flee from Him. It is only after the Resurrection that they are then able to approach Him in His great mercy.

Originally, the **season of Lent** was meant as a time of final preparation for those preparing to enter into the Church on **Easter Sunday**. This is seen quite beautifully in the writings of St. Cyril, the 4th Century Bishop of Jerusalem. Speaking to the Catechumens of his day, he poetically states: "*Great is the Baptism that lies before you: a ransom to captives; a remission of offenses; a death of sin; a new-birth of the soul.*"

St. Cyril's twenty-three Catechetical Lectures serve to instruct and encourage those preparing to encounter the Lord at **Easter** (*and are still well worth reading today*). This weekend, this great tradition continues (*as it has for centuries*) as we send off our Catechumens and Candidates for Full Communion to the **Rite of Election**. This yearly ceremony is a moment where those who have spent the past year preparing to enter the Church will be received by Bishop Rhoades at the Cathedral in Fort Wayne, welcomed, and assured of our prayers.

Over the next three weekends, our Elect (*Abby, Alexandria, and Vanessa*) will also undergo the Scrutinies. These are moments of deep prayer in the Mass that allow us, as a parish family, to pray for those who are preparing to enter or join the Church at the **Easter Vigil**. The **Lenten season** also serves as an opportunity for us to retrace the steps of Jesus' call in our own lives as we seek to more perfectly surrender our lives to Him each and every day.

ST. JOSEPH NOVENA

This coming Friday, March 10th, marks the start of our annual **St. Joseph Novena Prayer**. These nine days lead us to the celebration of **St. Joseph's Day** on March 19th. Please see the insert in this week's bulletin for an explanation of what a novena is as well as the prayers for the **St. Joseph Novena**. I encourage you to pray for a specific intention close to your heart and follow along in the Novena prayer each day at home. We will also recite the daily prayers together after our daily Masses throughout the week.

LENTEN TRIVIA - VIOLET: A ROYAL AND PENITENTIAL COLOR

Violet is the liturgical color of Lent. Costly to make in ancient times, violet came to be associated with kings and royalty. Before His crucifixion, soldiers clothed Jesus in a cheap robe made of "fake" violet dye intending to imply that Jesus was a fake king, not knowing they were about to crucify the King of Kings.

In addition to being the color of royalty, violet is also the color of repentance for sins and symbolizes the state of our souls without the light of Christ. The color also symbolizes our mourning for Jesus' sacrifice. ~Yours in Christ, Fr. David



Becky Biberstein, Michael Green, Frances Carr, Tom Richhart, Carol Leitner, Pat Pfeifer, Troy Cook, Bobbie and Cheryl Jackson, Bonnie Burns, John Houlihan, Kimberly Abney, Sydnee Bradburn, Leanne Lee, Dr. Doug Phillips, Jeff Tillman, and Margaret Pogue.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MONTHLY MEETING

Tuesday, March 7, 2023 - Recitation of the Holy Rosary at 6:40 p.m. in the Church, and meeting in the Parish Social Hall at 7:00 p.m.

Lenten Soup Supper & Stations of the Cross

Lenten Soup Supper - Friday, March 10 from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Parish Social Hall. All are Welcome!!
Stations of the Cross at 7:00 PM.



LENTEN FOOD COLLECTION

Now through Easter Sunday, April 9th
Non-perishable food items only please!
Thank you for supporting our local Food Bank!

G.I.R.L.'s night out (Growing, Inspiring, Rejoicing, Loving)

Will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00 p.m. in the **Parish Conference Room**. We will be summarizing our Mardi Gras Party that was held on February 18th. All women of the Parish are invited and welcome to attend!

PARISH CALENDAR

- **Sat., Mar. 4** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 5** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 5** - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 7** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 7** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room.
- **Tues., Mar. 7** - Knights of Columbus - Recitation of the Holy Rosary 6:40 p.m. in the Church / meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Wed., Mar. 8** - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 8** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
- **Thurs., Mar. 9** - Catholicism Explained (RCIA Program) - 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall.
- **Fri., Mar. 10** - Lenten Soup Supper - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall. Sign up sheet, to bring soup, is in the narthex.
- **Fri., Mar. 10** - Stations of the Cross - 7:00 p.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 11** - Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Sat., Mar. 11** - Confession 4-4:45 p.m. / Mass 5:00 p.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 12** - Mass 7:30 a.m. / Mass 10:00 a.m.
- **Sun., Mar. 12** - Religious Ed. Classes - 8:30-9:45 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 14** - Adoration 7-8:00 a.m. / Mass 8:00 a.m. / Confession 8:30 a.m.
- **Tues., Mar. 14** - Children's Choir Practice - 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Parish Conference Room
- **Tues., Mar. 14** - The Light is On for You - Confession 6-8:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 15** - Adoration - 6-7 p.m. / Confession 6-6:45 p.m. / Mass 7:00 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 15** - Adult Choir Practice - 7:45 p.m.
- **Wed., Mar. 15** - Catechism Chat - 7:45 p.m. in the Parish Social Hall

Weekend of March 11/12 2023



5:00 Teresa Smith
7:30 Mike Morrissey
10:00 Marita Crawfis



5:00 Carol Butler
7:30 Geoff Frank
10:00 Bruce Holland



5:00 Volunteers
7:30 Volunteers
10:00 Volunteers



5:00 Kari/Isaiah/Melanie Bedwell
7:30 Abby/Adrienne Wagner, Charlene Felger
10:00 Grant Reifsteck, Gabby/Olivia Hoffacker

St. Joseph Parish Finance Report for the Weekend of February 25/26

Adult Envelopes- \$5,012.00
Children's Envelopes- \$20.00
Loose- \$555.00
Repair/Rainy Day Fund-\$654.07
Votive Candles- \$136.11
Christmas Offering- \$100.00
Easter Flowers- \$10.00
M. Sanders Memorial Donation- \$50.00
Total- \$6,537.18

Our weekly budget is \$5,116.40

We are \$936.64 behind our budget for the month of February.

St. Vincent de Paul Fund- \$475.00

*Your gifts to St. Joseph Parish are greatly appreciated.
Thank you!*

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WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD

Through water and the word, Josiah Bedwell, son of Tracy and Sarah Bedew, became a child of God and was sealed as Christ's own forever through Baptism on February 25, 2023, by Fr. David Violi.



Catechism Chat

**Wednesday, March 15th at 7:45 p.m.
Parish Social Hall**

Bring your questions and insights from your journey through the Catechism.

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T - is it true?
h - is it helpful?
i - is it inspiring?
n - is it necessary?
k - is it kind?



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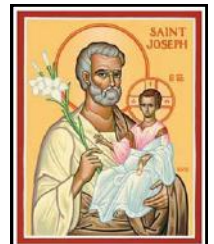
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